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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY	
☐ This action is FINAL.	
accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 193	t for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in 35 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
A shortened statutory period for response to this action is see which ever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication to become abandoned. (35 U.S.S. § 133). E. 1.136(a).	to expiremonth(s), or thirty days, ation Failure to response within the period of response will eause attensions of time may be obtained under the previsions of 37 CFR
Disposition of Claims	
	is/are pending in the application.
Of the above, claim(s)	is/are withdrawn from consideration.
☐ Claim(s)	is/are allowed.
	is/are rejected.
	is/are objected to.
	are subject to restriction or election requirement.
Application Papers	
☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drav	wing Review, PTO-948.
☐ The drawing(s) filed on	
	is \square approved \square disapproved.
☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.	
☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examine	г.
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119	
Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority	under 35 U.S.C.
☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copi	
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received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Nur	mber)
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Attachment(s)	
Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892	oor No(s)
Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Pap	IST 140(5).
☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413	0.048
☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTC	U-340
☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152	AND AN THE FOLLOWING PACES
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The preliminary amendment of 22 April 1998 has been entered and renders the restriction requirement of 20 July 1998 moot.

Claims 63-73 are pending in this case and raise questions as to interference with patent 5,627,783 of Miyauchi as suggested by applicant.

Prosecution in this application is suspended pending the determination of an interference. It is expected that prosecution will be resumed within one month.

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